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In re application of:

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documents listed thereon, have been made of record in grand parent application Serial No. 09/593,409 filed June 14, 2000 (now patent no. US 6,495,734 B1 issued December 17, 2002). These documents contain information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b) it is requested that each document cited (including any cited in applicants' specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on Form PTO/SB/08A, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

This submission is filed before a first action on the merits has been mailed.

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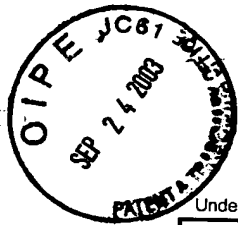
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